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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT and**  
**AMENDMENT**

**BOX AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002, the Applicants elect to prosecute independent claim 25 and dependent claims 26-27. These elected claims would cover at least the example embodiments shown in Figures 31-32, and therefore would be Species XIV as identified by the Examiner.

Also, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

**In the Specification**

Please delete the paragraph beginning on line 22 of page 18 and ending on line 5 of page 19;